

§ 491.3 What activities may the Secretary fund?

The Secretary provides grants or cooperative agreements for projects that implement a program of literacy training and basic skills remediation for adult homeless individuals. Projects must—

(a) Include a program of outreach activities; and

(b) Coordinate with existing resources such as community-based organizations, VISTA recipients, the adult basic education program and its recipients, and nonprofit literacy-action organizations.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 11421(a))

§ 491.4 What regulations apply?

The following regulations apply to the Adult Education for the Homeless Program:

(a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) as follows:

(1) 34 CFR part 74 (Administration of Grants to Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, Nonprofit Organizations) for grants, including cooperative agreements, to institutions of higher education, hospitals, and nonprofit organizations.

(2) 34 CFR part 75 (Direct Grant Programs).

(3) 34 CFR part 77 (Definitions that Apply to Department Regulations).

(4) 34 CFR part 79 (Intergovernmental Review of Department of Education Programs and Activities).

(5) 34 CFR part 80 (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments) for grants, including cooperative agreements, to State and local governments, including Indian tribal governments.

(6) 34 CFR part 81 (General Education Provisions Act—Enforcement).

(7) 34 CFR part 85 (Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)).

(b) The regulations in this part 491.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 11421)

§ 491.5 What definitions apply?

(a) *Definitions in the Act.* The following terms used in this part are defined in sections 103 and 702(d), respectively, of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (Pub. L. 100-77, 42 U.S.C. 11301 *et seq.*):

Homeless or homeless individual.
State.

(b) *Definitions in EDGAR.* The following terms used in this part are defined in 34 CFR 77.1:

Applicant
Application
Award
Contract
EDGAR
Grant
Grantee
Local educational agency
Nonprofit
Private
Project
Public
Secretary
State educational agency

(c) *Other definitions.* The following definitions also apply to this part:

Act means the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (Pub. L. 100-77, 42 U.S.C. 11301 *et seq.*).

Adult means an individual who has attained 16 years of age or who is beyond the age of compulsory school attendance under the applicable State law.

Basic skills remediation and literacy training mean adult education for homeless adults whose inability to speak, read, or write the English language constitutes a substantial impairment of their ability to get or retain employment commensurate with their real ability, that is designed to help eliminate this inability and raise the level of education of those individuals with a view to making them less likely to become dependent on others, to improving their ability to benefit from occupational training and otherwise increasing their opportunities for more productive and profitable employment, and to making them better able to meet their adult responsibilities.

Eligible recipients means public or private agencies, institutions, or organizations, including religious or charitable organizations, eligible to apply for a contract from a State educational

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agency to operate projects, services, or activities.

Outreach means activities designed to—

(1) Identify and inform adult homeless individuals of the availability and benefits of the Adult Education for the Homeless Program; and

(2) Assist those homeless adults, by providing active recruitment and reasonable and convenient access, to participate in the program.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 11421)

Subpart B [Reserved]

Subpart C—How Does the Secretary Make an Award?

§ 491.20 How does the Secretary evaluate an application?

(a) The Secretary evaluates an application on the basis of the criteria in § 491.21.

(b) The Secretary awards up to 100 points, including a reserved 15 points to be distributed in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section, based on the criteria in § 491.21.

(c) Subject to paragraph (d) of this section, the maximum possible score for each criterion is indicated in parentheses.

(d) For each competition as announced through a notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, the Secretary may assign the reserved points among the criteria in § 491.21.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 11421)

§ 491.21 What selection criteria does the Secretary use?

The Secretary uses the following criteria to evaluate an application:

(a) *Program factors.* (25 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which—

(1) The program design is tailored to the literacy and basic skills needs of the specific homeless population being served (for example, designs to address the particular needs of single parent heads of households, substance abusers, or the chronically mentally ill);

(2) Cooperative relationships with other service agencies will provide an integrated package of support services to address the most pressing needs of

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the target group at, or through, the project site. Support services must be designed to bring members of the target group to a state of readiness for instructional services or to enhance the effectiveness of instructional services. Examples of appropriate support services to be provided and funded through cooperative relationships include, but are not limited to—

- (i) Assistance with food and shelter;
- (ii) Alcohol and drug abuse counseling;
- (iii) Individual and group mental health counseling;
- (iv) Health care;
- (v) Child care;
- (vi) Case management;
- (vii) Job skills training;
- (viii) Employment training and work experience programs; and
- (ix) Job placement;

(3) The SEA's application provides for individualized instruction, especially the use of individualized instructional plans or individual education plans that are developed jointly by the student and the teacher and reflect student goals;

(4) The program's activities include outreach services, especially interpersonal contacts at locations where homeless persons are known to gather, and outreach efforts through cooperative relations with local agencies that provide services to the homeless; and

(5) Instructional services will be readily accessible to students, especially the provision of instructional services at a shelter or transitional housing site.

(b) *Extent of need for the project.* (15 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which the project meets specific needs in section 702 of the Act, including consideration of—

(1)(i) An estimate of the number of homeless persons expected to be served.

(ii) For the purposes of the count in paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section, an eligible homeless adult is an individual who has attained 16 years of age or who is beyond the age of compulsory attendance under the applicable State law; who does not have a high school diploma, a GED, or the basic education skills to obtain full-time meaningful